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Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

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Reference: Amended Year-End Report (11/23/2010 12/31/2010)

To Whom It May Concern:

We are in receipt of the letter from the Commission regarding the above referenced report. Please see below for our complete response.

- 1. The contributions you identified as election cycle to date discrepancies are contributions for 2010 debt retirement. Our compliance software aggregates contributions for debt retirement with the cycle for which they are designated, consistent with 11 CFR 100.3(b). The contributions you identified were aggregated with prior 2010 cycle contributions to produce accurate 2010 cycle totals. We understand that this aggregation method is appropriate.
- 2. The decrease in the total amount of receipts and disbursements on the amended report occurred to correct the amount of the in-kind contribution the candidate made to the campaign in forgiving portions of outstanding loans to the committee. An internal miscommunication between campaign staff when the report was initially filed led to this error. Originally we reported that an entire loan was forgiven by the candidate, only to later to discover that it was just a partial amount of the loan. We regret that this error occurred and are working on strengthening our internal communication to ensure something that this does not occur again in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond. Please contact us if you need any additional information.

Sincerely, Diane Black for Congress